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SUBJECT: Proposed Project Directive - SLOE Procedures

TO :

ATTN :

[Redacted]

Dear Bill:

Please review the attached Proposed Project Directive and forward your comments, recommendations and/or concurrence to this Headquarters.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

ATTACHMENT: 2

MD/OSA-DD/R:

[Redacted]

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referring to Project **IDEALIST**

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8 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director for Special Activities

**SUBJECT: Cuba Missions: Instructions to Navy and
Cover Story**

1. There is not to my knowledge a written document regarding Navy's role concerning the Cuba missions. Whatever action has been taken in this regard occurred prior to my being assigned in CIA.

2. It is my understanding that should the U-2 make an emergency landing at either Guantanamo or Key West, the commanding officer of either station will take action to notify Headquarters first of the incident and then hangar the aircraft while awaiting instructions on cover, press release, etc. I have also been told that Navy is on strip alert while the U-2 is East of 85°W, but I have nothing in writing to confirm this.

3. I suggest that OD/OSA draft a letter to CNO stating specifically what is desired concerning Navy's action in this matter. In other words, what action would OD like the Navy to take regarding the questions in attachment. I will be glad to cooperate in the draft of such a letter and can easily arrange to have any reasonable operation requirements laid on Navy to support the Cuba U-2 operations.

4. As long as the questions in the attachment have been asked, I feel it appropriate at this time to ask if the whole operation has been recently reviewed including cover. I would feel better if someone could assure you that all station commanders are thoroughly briefed who might be involved in any way should an incident occur.

SIGNED

Attachment
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9 August 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence Staff, OSA
Chief, Operations Division, OSA

SUBJECT : Relations with CNO Regarding Support to NIMBUS
Missions

REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for Acting Assistant Director for
Special Activities, IDEA-0835-62, 8 August 1962
B. Memorandum for Chief, Intelligence Staff, OSA,
IDEA-0735-62, 7 August 1962

1. I have read with interest both references dealing with implementation of existing arrangements for support of NIMBUS missions and I agree that the time has come for us to be certain that CINCLANT, his affected commanders and CNO as well should be thoroughly briefed on their role in not only actual physical support to the mission but regarding the part they must play in support of the NIMBUS cover story.

2. This subject has come up informally within recent days in the office of the DNRO when the ad hoc cover committee, including [] and myself, was meeting on the whole subject of OSA cover for overflight reconnaissance. At that time conclusions similar to those expressed in Reference A were agreed to by the ad hoc cover committee. It is my understanding that Dr. Charyk, the Under Secretary of the Air Force, will see that Air Force elements acting in support of NIMBUS are advised of their role, i.e., Commander, Ramey Air Force Base, Porto Rico, etc.

3. I would appreciate it if you could jointly draft a letter for my signature for the Chief, Naval Operations covering both operational implementation and support to the cover story. I would suggest that the latest version of the NIMBUS cover story be tabbed as a reference to this document. Please coordinate your draft with [] with whom I have informally discussed this matter.

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